

PHA Plans

Streamlined 5-Year/Annual Version

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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that introduced 5-year and annual PHA Plans. The full PHA plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form allows eligible PHAs to make a streamlined annual Plan submission to HUD consistent with HUD's efforts to provide regulatory relief to certain PHAs. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 11.7 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 to 2009

Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

MUNICIPALITY OF VEGA BAJA

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Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan

Agency Identification

PHA Name: MUNICIPALITY OF VEGA BAJA

PHA Number: RQ032

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 07/2005

PHA Programs Administered:

☐ **Public Housing and Section 8**

Number of public housing units:

Number of S8 units:

☒ **Section 8 Only**

Number of S8 units: 210

☐ **Public Housing Only**

Number of public housing units:

☐ **PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)**

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortium	Programs Not in the Consortium	# of Units Each Program
Participating PHA 1:				
Participating PHA 2:				
Participating PHA 3:				

Public Access to Information

Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:
(select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ PHA local offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans and attachments (if any) are available for public inspection at:

(select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ PHA local offices
- ☐ Main administrative office of the local government
- ☐ Main administrative office of the County government
- ☐ Main administrative office of the State government
- ☐ Public library
- ☒ PHA website
- ☒ Other (list below)
 - a) Mayor's Office

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- ☒ Main business office of the PHA

- ☐ PHA development management offices
☐ Other (list below)

Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan

PHA FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2009

[24 CFR Part 903.12]

A. Mission

State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction. (select one of the choices below)

- ☐ The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- ☒ The PHA's mission is: To promote adequate and affordable rental housing, homeownership and financial independence in a discrimination-free environment within our jurisdiction.

B. Goals

The goals and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those emphasized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or identify other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, **PHAs ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN REACHING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS.** (Quantifiable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.

HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.

- ☒ PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
Objectives:
- ☒ Apply for additional rental vouchers: Increase our baseline vouchers 10 % (21)
 - ☐ Reduce public housing vacancies:
 - ☒ Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
The Municipality of Vega Baja acquired seven lots in the downtown area and sold them to a private development company for construction of seven apartment buildings, which units will be sold at social-interest prices.
 - ☒ Acquire or build units or developments (Apartment building for the elderly)
 - ☐ Other (list below)
- ☒ PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
Objectives:

- ☐ Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
- ☒ Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score) 100 %
- ☒ Increase customer satisfaction: expand economic opportunities for our participants to enable homeownership
- ☒ Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:
voucher unit inspections, reasonable rent determinations, fraud investigation,
fraud recovery efforts, homeownership option awareness
- ☐ Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- ☐ Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
- ☐ Provide replacement public housing:
- ☐ Provide replacement vouchers:
- ☒ Other: (list below)
Request Moderate Rehabilitation conversion vouchers to replace MR vouchers
that expire in 2008 and 2009.

- ☒ PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices
Objectives:
 - ☒ Provide voucher mobility counseling:
We developed a Mobility/Portability option leaflet to brief Section 8 participants
at admission and at every Annual Reexamination
 - ☒ Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
 - ☐ Increase voucher payment standards
 - ☐ Implement voucher homeownership program:
 - ☐ Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
 - ☐ Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
 - ☐ Convert public housing to vouchers:
 - ☒ Other: (list below)
 - a) Expand HomeOwnership program to reach 10 % of our voucher allocation
(21 cases)
 - b) Contact Realtors in the area who manage rental units to interest them in
Section 8 participation

HUD Strategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality

- ☒ PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment
Objectives:
 - ☐ Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public
housing households into lower income developments:
 - ☐ Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring
access for lower income families into higher income developments:
 - ☐ Implement public housing security improvements:
 - ☒ Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups:
 - ✓ Suárez-Sandín Apartment Building for the Elderly
- ☒ Other: (list below)
Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing lower income Section 8

households into higher income rental areas.

HUD Strategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals

- ☒ PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households
- Objectives:
- ☒ Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
Counseling will include referrals to training/employment programs available through state or local agencies, including regional consortium (Dorado-Manatí)
 - ☐ Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
 - ☒ Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities:
Coordinate housekeeping/health assistance services for the elderly through the Municipality's Housekeeper Program (Amas de Llave).
 - ☒ Other: (list below)
- a) Adopt HO policies that will permit elderly and/or disabled families to participate in the HO option even with income under \$10,300 (minimum income target for HO).

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans

- ☒ PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing
- Objectives:
- ☒ Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
 1. Enforce Fair Housing Policies through:
 - a. briefing both tenants and landlords about participants rights under Fair Housing Laws.
 - b. exclude from our prospective pool of landlords those who do not comply with FH Regulations.
 - c. Post Fair Housing Policies signs at our administrative offices.
 - ☒ Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
 1. Enforce Equal Opportunities Policies through:
 - a. briefing both tenants and landlords about their rights and responsibilities under EO regulations.
 1. Exclude from participating in our Section 8 Programs those tenants and landlords who do not comply with EO regulations.
 - 2. Terminate assistance to participants who incur in discrimination practices against PHA personnel or neighbors.

- ☐ Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan
PHA Fiscal Year 2005-06

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

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Provide the following table of contents for the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the Five-Year Plan, including all streamlined plan components, and additional requirements, together with the list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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- ☐ 14. Other (List below, providing name for each item)
 - a. Upfront Income Verification (UIV) System

B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:

Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;

Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions;

Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

Executive Summary (optional)

[903.7(r)]. If desired, provide a brief overview of the contents of the streamlined 5-Year/Annual Plan.

In the period from 2005 through 2009 the Municipality of Vega Baja will expand on the goals and strategies established in the previous 5-year plan, which were instrumental in enhancing the quality of life of our citizens, and will help us maintain the progress already made. However, some changes are needed in order to better adapt to our rapidly changing economic and political environment.

Thus, for this new 5-year plan we intend to develop a comprehensive plan of action that will take into account all of the needs within our community, regardless of whether or not we can supply them directly. This will help us identify unmet needs that might be affecting or hindering the impact of our initiatives in the community. Once discovered, we will contact other governmental agencies and/or private organizations that can intervene and serve our population, and develop agreements and alliances to support each other's work, in order to achieve maximum efficiency and continuity of services for our clients.

Some of our new strategies are aimed for more aggressive penetration in the general housing market, like decreasing our payment standards in order to stop rising rental housing costs applying for additional vouchers, and increasing outreach efforts to help our families make the most of economic opportunities available to them in order to foster homeownership among Section 8 participants.

Other strategies are aimed at addressing specific social sectors, like the elderly, disabled, victims of domestic violence and the homeless. Accordingly, we have adjusted our preferences for selection and admission into our Section 8' programs to give these groups an advantage, thus giving them a hand at full integration into our community and a better chance for stability and advancement.

In light of reduced funding in Section 8 programs in the past fiscal year and the rising need for adequate, affordable housing within our area, we are taking several steps in this upcoming 5-year period to decrease our costs and maximize the effectiveness of our assistance. Among these are: reducing our payment standards, increasing the minimum rent, establishing stricter rules for continuance of participation in our Section 8 programs, and more aggressive measures to recover monies disbursed because of fraudulent practices among our clients.

We are also giving top priority to continued training for our personnel, since all of the changes taking place within our programs and working environment make it essential to document and evidence every administrative decision to be upheld.

1. Statement of Housing Needs [24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7(a)]

A. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA's waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA's Waiting Lists			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 tenant-based assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Section 8 and Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)		
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	30		15 (2003-04)
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	24	80%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	6	20%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0	0%	
Families with children	30	100%	
Elderly families	0	0%	
Families with Disabilities	4	13%	
Race/ethnicity - B/H	25	83%	
Race/ethnicity - N/H	5	17%	
Race/ethnicity			
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR	0	0%	
2 BR	8	27%	
3 BR	18	60%	
4 BR	4	13%	
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)?			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?			
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			

B. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 waiting lists **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.

The Municipality of Vega Baja has over 300 participants in its Section 8 programs. Budgetary cuts now make it essential for us to minimize our costs in order to comply with HUD's new regulations. Another concern are the 300+ requests for housing assistance. However, we cannot address this need with our current voucher allocation. Therefore, we will be implementing several measures that will help advance the availability of affordable housing in our community. Among these: lower payment standards to stop rising housing rental costs, continue providing homeownership counseling for non-Section 8 participants, and establish admission preferences that benefit disadvantaged minorities.

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- ☐ Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- ☐ Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- ☒ Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- ☒ Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- ☒ Other (list below)
 - Promote HO option among eligible participants, both tenants and landlords, to increase the number of currently subsidized units owned by families in our Section 8 Program.

Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:

Select all that apply

- ☒ Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- ☐ Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
- ☒ Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
- ☒ Other: (list below)
 - Promoting HO option among eligible participants to increase the number of units bought owned by families in our Section 8 Program.

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI

Select all that apply

- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- ☒ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- ☒ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☒ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI

Select all that apply

- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- ☒ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

- ☒ Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- ☒ Other: (list below)
 - Maintain local preference for elderly families' admissions into our Section 8 Program.

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- ☐ Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- ☐ Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- ☒ Other: (list below)
 - Maintain local preference for families with disabilities' admission into our Section 8 Program.

Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs

Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:

Select if applicable

- ☐ Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

- ☒ Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- ☒ Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
- ☒ Other: (list below)
 - Counsel Section 8 landlords on fair housing practices to increase awareness of discriminating actions against Section 8 tenants.

Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- ☒ Funding constraints
- ☐ Staffing constraints
- ☒ Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
- ☐ Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community

- ☒ Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA

- ☐ Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
- ☒ Community priorities regarding housing assistance
- ☒ Results of consultation with local or state government
- ☒ Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
- ☐ Results of consultation with advocacy groups
- ☐ Other: (list below)

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (c)]

List on the following table the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2005 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$ 1,093,200.00	
f) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
g) Community Development Block Grant	\$ 20,000.00	Mortgage Closing Incentive
h) HOME	\$ 1,107,120.00	Building Construction
Other Federal Grants: (list below)		
i) HOPWA	\$ 110,616.00	HAP Rent and Administrative Expenses
ii) Moderate Rehabilitation	\$ 406,662.00	
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)		
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income		
4. Other income (list below)		
4. Non-federal sources (list below)		
Total resources	\$ 2,737,598.00	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (b)]

A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete subcomponent 3A.

(1) Eligibility

a. When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all that apply)

- ☐ When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (state number)
☐ When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)
☐ Other: (describe)

b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for admission to public housing (select all that apply)?

- ☐ Criminal or Drug-related activity
☐ Rental history
☐ Housekeeping
☐ Other (describe)

c. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

e. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

(2)Waiting List Organization

a. Which methods does the PHA plan to use to organize its public housing waiting list (select all that apply)

- ☐ Community-wide list
☐ Sub-jurisdictional lists
☐ Site-based waiting lists
☐ Other (describe)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to public housing?

- ☐ PHA main administrative office
☐ PHA development site management office
☐ Other (list below)

c. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to d.

Site-Based Waiting Lists				
Development Information: (Name, number, location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time? ____

3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list? ____

4. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

d. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection **(3) Assignment**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?

2. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?
If yes, how many lists?

3. ☐ Yes ☐ No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously?
If yes, how many lists?

4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?

- ☐ PHA main administrative office
- ☐ All PHA development management offices
- ☐ Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
- ☐ At the development to which they would like to apply
- ☐ Other (list below)

(3) Assignment

a. How many vacant unit choices are applicants ordinarily given before they fall to the bottom of or are removed from the waiting list? (select one)

- ☐ One
- ☐ Two
- ☐ Three or More

b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Is this policy consistent across all waiting list types?

a. If answer to b is no, list variations for any other than the primary public housing waiting list/s for the PHA:

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting:

☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 40% of all new admissions to public housing to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Transfer policies:

In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)

- ☐ Emergencies
- ☐ Over-housed
- ☐ Under-housed
- ☐ Medical justification
- ☐ Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
- ☐ Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
- ☐ Other: (list below)

c. Preferences

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing (other than date and time of application)? (If "no" is selected, skip to subsection **(5) Occupancy**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences:

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☐ Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences: (select below)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)

- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

- ☐ Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☐ Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

- ☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- ☐ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Occupancy

- a. What reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the rules

of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)

- ☐ The PHA-resident lease
- ☐ The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- ☐ PHA briefing seminars or written materials
- ☐ Other source (list)

b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition? (select all that apply)

- ☐ At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
☐ Any time family composition changes
☐ At family request for revision
☐ Other (list)

(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing

a. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.

b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete. If yes, list these developments on the following table:

Deconcentration Policy for Covered Developments			
Development Name	Number of Units	Explanation (if any) [see step 4 at §903.2(c)(1)(iv)]	Deconcentration policy (if no explanation) [see step 5 at §903.2(c)(1)(v)]

B. Section 8

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B.

Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

(1) Eligibility

a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
☐ Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
☒ More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors):
 1. Credit reports
 2. investigation at dwelling place reported at the time of application.
☐ Other (list below)

b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

c. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Criminal or drug-related activity
☒ Other (describe below)
- Family size and voucher size

(2) Waiting List Organization

a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Federal public housing
☒ Federal moderate rehabilitation
☐ Federal project-based certificate program
☐ Other federal or local program (list below)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)

- ☒ PHA main administrative office
☒ Other (list below)
- Assistants to the Mayor' Office

(3) Search Time

a. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

- b. If requested on writing before the standard 60-day period is over, family can get an additional 60-day period.
c. Additional time will be granted to families with medical conditions or disabilities who provide written evidence and require extra time in written form, in order to give them a chance for reasonable accommodation.

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Preferences

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-

based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent **(5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- ☒ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☒ Victims of domestic violence
- ☒ Substandard housing
- ☒ Homelessness
- ☒ High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☒ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☒ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

☐ Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- 1. ☒ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- 1. ☒ Victims of domestic violence
- 2. ☒ Substandard housing
- 1. ☒ Homelessness

3. ☒ High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- 2. ☒ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families

- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☒ Other preference(s) (list below)
 - 2. Victims of domestic violence and/or child abuse

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

- ☒ Date and time of application
- ☐ Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for “residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction” (select one)

- ☐ This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD
- ☒ The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

- ☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- ☒ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

(Not Applicable)

a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- ☐ The Section 8 Administrative Plan
- ☐ Briefing sessions and written materials
- ☐ Other (list below)

b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?

- ☐ Through published notices
- ☐ Other (list below)

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(d)]

A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete sub-component 4A.

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

Describe the PHA's income based rent setting policy/ies for public housing using, including discretionary (that is, not required by statute or regulation) income disregards and exclusions, in the appropriate spaces below.

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one of the following two)

- ☐ The PHA will not employ any discretionary rent-setting policies for income-based rent in public housing. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions). (If selected, skip to sub-component (2))
- ☐ The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income-based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)

b. Minimum Rent

1. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- ☐ \$0
☐ \$1-\$25
☐ \$26-\$50

2. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:

c. Rents set at less than 30% of adjusted income

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?

2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:

d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)

- ☐ For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member
☐ For increases in earned income
☐ Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)

If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:

- ☐ Fixed percentage (other than general rent-setting policy)
If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:
☐ For household heads
☐ For other family members

- ☐ For transportation expenses
- ☐ For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families
- ☐ Other (describe below)

e. Ceiling rents

1. Do you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income) (select one)

- ☐ Yes for all developments
- ☐ Yes but only for some developments
- ☐ No

2. For which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)

- ☐ For all developments
- ☐ For all general occupancy developments (not elderly or disabled or elderly only)
- ☐ For specified general occupancy developments
- ☐ For certain parts of developments; e.g., the high-rise portion
- ☐ For certain size units; e.g., larger bedroom sizes
- ☐ Other (list below)

3. Select the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select all that apply)

- ☐ Market comparability study
- ☐ Fair market rents (FMR)
- ☐ 95th percentile rents
- ☐ 75 percent of operating costs
- ☐ 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
- ☐ Operating costs plus debt service
- ☐ The "rental value" of the unit
- ☐ Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

1. Between income reexaminations, how often must tenants report changes in income or family composition to the PHA such that the changes result in an adjustment to rent? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Never
- ☐ At family option

- ☐ Any time the family experiences an income increase
- ☐ Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)_____
- ☐ Other (list below)

g. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISAs) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year?

(2) Flat Rents

a. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)

- ☐ The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
- ☐ Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
- ☐ Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
- ☐ Other (list/describe below)

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenant-based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

(1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- ☐ At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- ☒ 100% of FMR
- ☐ Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- ☐ Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- ☐ FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☐ The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
- ☐ Reflects market or submarket
- ☐ Other (list below)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

- ☐ FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☐ Reflects market or submarket
- ☐ To increase housing options for families

☐ Other (list below)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

- ☒ Annually
- ☐ Other (list below)

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard?
(select all that apply)

- ☒ Success rates of assisted families
☒ Rent burdens of assisted families
☒ Other (list below)
 1. Funding adequacy
 2. Rising private rental costs

(2) Minimum Rent

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- ☐ \$0
☐ \$1-\$25
☒ \$26-\$50

b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

5. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 5: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 6.

A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 5A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 5B. All other PHAs must complete 5A as instructed.

(1) Capital Fund Program

- a. ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 12 and 13 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
- b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA propose to use any portion of its CFP funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements? If so, the PHA must identify in its annual and 5-year capital plans the development(s) where such improvements will be made and show both how the proceeds of the financing will be used and the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. (Note that separate HUD approval is required for such financing activities.).

B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

Applicability of sub-component 5B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

(1) Hope VI Revitalization

- a. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to next component; if yes, provide responses to questions on chart below for each grant, copying and completing as many times as necessary)
- b. Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)
Development name:
Development (project) number:
Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status)
☐ Revitalization Plan under development
☐ Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
☐ Revitalization Plan approved
☐ Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway
- c. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year? If yes, list development name/s below:
- d. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year? If yes, list developments or activities below:
- e. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement? If yes, list developments or activities below:

6. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (h)]

Applicability of component 6: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

- a. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 or 24 (Hope VI) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) or Section 202/Section 33 (Mandatory Conversion) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If "No", skip to component 7; if "yes", complete one activity description for each development on the following chart.)

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description
1a. Development name:
1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one)

Approved <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/>
Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u>
5. Number of units affected:
6. Coverage of action (select one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development
<input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Timeline for activity:
a. Actual or projected start date of activity:
b. Projected end date of activity:

7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

- (1) ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If "No", skip to the next component; if "yes", complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

(2) Program Description

a. Size of Program

- ☒ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the Section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year? **Forty-two (42)**

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

- ☒ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria? If yes, list criteria below:

1. Meet the HA's definition of a family.
2. Minimum of 1 year in Section 8
3. Good Standing
4. Have acceptable credit history or be willing to enter a credit counseling program

c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?

To increase participation in our HO option we will:

1. counsel participating families that are at, or close to, the \$10,300 income level
2. counsel participating landlords on the advantages on selling through HO

(3) Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- a. ☒ Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family's resources.
- b. ☒ Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- c. ☐ Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).
- d. ☒ Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below).
 - 1. Six (6) successful HO mortgage closings and administration of mortgage subsidy cases
 - 2. Over 30 qualified families and 10 potential new candidates

8. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the *PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans*, which is submitted to the Field Office in hard copy—see Table of Contents.

9. Additional Information

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (r)]

A. PHA Progress in Meeting the Mission and Goals Described in the 5-Year Plan

(Provide a statement of the PHA's progress against the goals and objectives established in the previous 5-Year Plan for the period FY 2000 - 2004.)

Statement of Progress in Meeting the Five-Year Plan Mission and Goals

The Municipality of Vega Baja has met the Mission and Goals established in the Five-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2000-2004.

We have been successful in promoting adequate and affordable housing, and economic opportunities in a discrimination-free environment.

- ✓ We maintained an average lease-up rate of over 95 %, assisting more than 300 eligible families in a

- fast, efficient and caring way.
- ✓ We encouraged both landlords and tenants to provide adequate maintenance to the properties rented through our rental subsidy programs by enforcing stricter inspection procedures and promoting our inspector's active intervention whenever we have received complaints about the state of those units.
- ✓ We helped six of our participating tenants to become homeowners through our HomeOwnership program option.

- ✓ We briefed scores of interested persons about the state initiative “La Llave de tu Hogar”, so they could apply for and receive this funding assistance in order to buy a home.

We have improved the quality of assisted housing services and performance through increased training of our Housing Division personnel through seminars offered or hosted by

- ✓ HUD Caribbean Office
- ✓ HomeOwnership One-Stop Center
- ✓ Analytical Environment Systems International
- ✓ PHA Finance Corporation

We have increased the choices for assisted housing programs’ participants by providing mobility and portability counseling, and conducting outreach efforts to potential landlords.

- ✓ We developed a mobility/portability option brochure to educate participants about these alternatives, eligibility, application procedures and feasibility.
- ✓ We contacted Realtors who manage rental housing to encourage their clients’ participation in our Section 8 programs.
- ✓ We published a request for leasable units within our jurisdiction.

We have implemented and followed measures to promote deconcentration of lower-income areas.

- ✓ We identified higher-income areas within our jurisdiction based on Census data.
- ✓ We encouraged our participants to relocate on higher-income opportunity areas.

We have promoted the self-sufficiency of our participant families by providing education, skills training and work opportunities.

- ✓ We established an agreement with the Local consortium for referral of our clients
- ✓ We encouraged participation in job training programs, either funded by the federal government (such as WIA) or by the state government (such as ADT)
- ✓ We conducted several activities for briefing our participants about and qualifying them for the HomeOwnership option.

We have promoted and ensured Fair and Equal Housing Opportunity.

- ✓ We posted several signs through our offices that explain what Fair and Equal Housing Opportunity means, and which practices are outlawed.
- ✓ We incorporated guarantees against discrimination in the documentation explained to and signed by both landlords and assistance participants throughout the assistance process and when contracting the lease.
- ✓ We briefed both tenants and landlords about fair housing practices and how to file a complaint for unfair housing practices through the HUD Caribbean Office.
- ✓ We helped our participants organize their Resident Advisory Board.

In the upcoming Five-Year period and in Fiscal Year 2005-2009 we intend to further these goals and also work harder at meeting underserved needs in our community; to foster and maintain affordable housing for Section 8 participants; to remove barriers to affordable rental housing and homeownership; to develop a better institutional structure through coordination with local, state, municipal and private agencies; to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health and social services agencies; to encourage our assistance participants to become more involved in the development of new management policies; and to encourage our Section 8 families to participate in the HomeOwnership program briefing sessions to start the process that will enable them to achieve self-sufficiency and homeownership further on.

B. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments

(1) Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

PHAs are required to define and adopt their own standards of substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan and Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan. The definition of significant amendment is important because it

defines when the PHA will subject a change to the policies or activities described in the Annual Plan to full public hearing and HUD review before implementation.

a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan

An issue that has not been addressed in this Five Year Plan; for example, a significant mid-fiscal year budget reduction.

b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan

A measure that affects policies and procedures established in the current Administrative Plan.

C. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

a. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?

If yes, provide the comments below:

- Provide ongoing homeownership counseling
- Referrals to job training programs

b. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)

☐ Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

☐ The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
List changes below:

☒ Other: (list below)

3. Considered comments but determined that change implementation is unavoidable due to financial constraints.
4. Reached an agreement for separate assemblies for Section 8 tenants and landlords, to be convened before this fiscal year end (06/05). The date is dependent on the publication of the final FMR for Puerto Rico, for which a study is underway.

(2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board

The governing board of each PHA is required to have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, unless the PHA meets certain exemption criteria. Regulations governing the resident board member are found at 24 CFR Part 964, Subpart E.

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

☐ Yes ☒ No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

Method of Selection:

☐

Appointment

The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):

☐

Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

Description of Resident Election Process

Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

☐

Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations

☐

Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance

☐

Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot

☐

Other: (describe)

Eligible candidates: (select one)

☐

Any recipient of PHA assistance

☐

Any head of household receiving PHA assistance

☐

Any adult recipient of PHA assistance

☐

Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization

☐

Other (list)

Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

☐

All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)

☐

Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations

☐

Other (list)

b. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not?

☐

The PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis

☐

The PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.

☒

Other (explain): The Mayor of the Municipality of Vega Baja was elected to administer the Municipal Government Board and is the Executive Director of the PHA and the representative of the Governing Board.

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next available position):

(3) PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (Municipality of Vega Baja)

a. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply):

- ☒ The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting list on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- ☒ The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- ☒ The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- ☐ Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- ☐ Other: (list below)

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

2. \$ 20,000 from 2005 CDBG funds have been marked for use in HomeOwnership Mortgage Closings
3. Funds from the Quality of Life budgetary account are available for housekeeping/health assistants, health job and housing fairs, and other activities that will impact Section 8 participants
4. HOME funds have been requested and channeled for the construction of the "Suárez Sandín apartment building for the elderly"

(4) (Reserved)

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

10. Project-Based Voucher Program

a. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to "project-base" any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers

in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.

b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option?

If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- ☐ Low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units
☐ Access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas
☐ Other (describe below:)

- c. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):

11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ Annual PHA Plans

PHAs are to indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the "Applicable & On Display" column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans.</i>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations

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Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
V	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
V	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section IX of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
V	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy
V	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in	Joint PHA Plan for

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Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection	Consortia
V	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Hearing Announcement 2. Public Hearing' Minutes 3. RAB's Comments 	Five Year and Annual Plans

12. Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name:		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant:
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no:) <input type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report					
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs				
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures				
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)				
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

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13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)

Part III: Implementation Schedule

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13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part I: Summary					
PHA Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Original 5-Year Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision No:	
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: PHA FY:
	Annual Statement				
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning					
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan						
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities						
Activities for Year 1	Activities for Year : ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:			Activities for Year: ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:		
	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
See						
Annual						
Statement						
Total CFP Estimated Cost			\$			\$

13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities					
Activities for Year : ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:			Activities for Year: ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:		
Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
Total CFP Estimated Cost		\$			\$

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14. Upfront Income Verification (UIV) Policy

In the upcoming Five-Year period, the Municipality of Vega Baja intends to uphold its income verification policy by securing and encouraging staff utilization of independent computerized sources for verifying household income of program participants.

This policy has been and will remain a key strategy in reducing income and rent errors attributable to unreported income and in increasing the accuracy and efficiency for determining family eligibility and computing rent calculations.

The verification of participants' income can take place before, during or after a family reexamination, by means of accessing HUD's centralized Tenant Assessment Subsystem (TASS), among other tools, including other computerized resources that systematically and uniformly maintain income information for large numbers of individuals.

Our housing agency already has the capability for accessing these computerized databases and has the intent of using them routinely (on a monthly basis) as a means of expanding on our income verification procedures by comparing tenant-reported income against database-reported information.